

GRANT & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

2026

Founded by Dr. John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes, the Haynes Foundation will mark its 100th year in 2026 as a catalyst for change in Los Angeles. Guided by a commitment to high-quality research and an engaged community, the Foundation supports major governance and democracy projects, faculty fellowships, doctoral dissertation fellowships, and archival initiatives that address the region's most pressing challenges.

Faculty Fellowships

The Foundation annually awards a limited number of **\$16,000** fellowships to faculty at universities and four-year colleges in the L.A. region. These competitive awards support innovative research that tackles critical economic, social, and political challenges facing Los Angeles.

Deadline: January 6, 2026

Access code: *Faculty*

Ph.D. Fellowships

Each year, the Foundation awards **\$26,000** Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships to Ph.D. candidates at universities in the L.A. region. Named in memory of former Foundation President and Trustee Haynes Lindley, these fellowships support doctoral students with approved dissertation proposals working under faculty advisement.

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Access code: *Doctoral*

Archival Grants

The Foundation dedicates a portion of its annual budget to support archival and cataloging projects of importance to Los Angeles. Awards prioritize collections with strong relevance to Southern California and public policy, especially those that are fragile or rare.

Deadline: June 30, 2026

Access code: *Archival*

Major Research Grants

Governance and Democracy Initiative

The Haynes Foundation's Governance & Democracy Initiative supports planning and research-to-action projects that advance knowledge, shape policy, and strengthen communities spanning Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange counties. Collaboration with community-based partners and policymakers is encouraged.

- **Planning grants:** One-year grants up to **\$100,000**.
- **Research-to-Action grants:** Up to two years, with a possible third-year renewal. **Maximum of \$250,000 per year**, with consideration for larger awards depending on project scope.

SPECIAL FOUNDATION FOCUS: County Governance Reform

The Foundation invites proposals focused specifically on LA County governance reform, as well as county governance reform throughout the LA region. Applicants can view the full RFP, including suggested topics, at haynesfoundation.org.

Application Process: Begin with a Letter of Interest (LOI). Selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. **Access code to apply:** Democracy

FACULTY FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

AWARD USE

Up to eight (8) awards of \$16,000 each will be made available for immediate use upon award. The awards may be used as a faculty summer research stipend, to buy course relief, or to cover other incidental research assistance and expenses (excluding equipment and hardware) that might be incurred throughout the year, or in some combination. (The awards may not be used to augment salary during the regular academic year except as an addition to sabbatical leave compensation.) Fellowships may be used as seed money to begin a research project or as full or partial support for an ongoing project.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The basic factor in the evaluation of applications is the quality of the research proposal. The proposal should state the research problem or project goals, the methods to be used, and the way the grant money will be spent. Proposals that are well-conceived, imaginative, innovative, and break new ground on pressing economic, social, and political problems will be favored. The Foundation's interest is in research that has implications for influencing policy and action in the Los Angeles region, but research projects concerning the history of Southern California will also be considered.

ONLINE APPLICATION

The application materials to be uploaded online are as follows:

- Brief, 2-page proposal, double-spaced in 12-point typeface.
- Written indication of institutional support from the academic dean or other appropriate academic administrator designated by the college or university (not the Principal Investigator).
- A 2-page personal resume.

HOW TO APPLY

Please click the "Apply Here" button to complete the online application process. **If you haven't already, be sure to register your organization well in advance of the deadline.** The deadline to apply is **11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026**. Late applications will not be considered. Once you have registered and/or logged into your grantee portal, click on Apply (upper left area of the Dashboard screen), then enter the application code "**faculty**" to complete your application and upload your documents.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

HAYNES LINDLEY DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

AWARD USE

Up to eight (8) awards of \$26,000 each will be available for one year of work toward completion of the dissertation (fieldwork, research, or writing may be covered). Applicants must have had their dissertation proposals accepted and be working with their faculty advisors as of the date that the applications are due to be submitted to the Foundation. The universities may add to these awards, but they should be designated as “Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships.” The Fellowship awards are not renewable.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

We are seeking proposals that address economic, social, policy, or political problems that impact the Los Angeles region, defined as the five-county areas of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura. A broader geographic scope will be considered if an important part of the research impacts the Los Angeles region. We are open to a wide range of specific topic areas within that broad category. Proposals can address either immediate policy concerns or provide basic research that would underlie future policy efforts. **The criteria for selection are: 1) the relevance of the proposal to the mission of the Foundation, 2) the significance of the project for the scholarly field and its potential impact on public policy 3) the quality of the academic record of the applicant, 4) the applicant’s demonstrated ability to conduct research within set time frames, 5) the relevance of the project to the applicant’s future professional growth and success.** These attributes should be addressed in the description of the project AND the Faculty Advisor’s letter. The Foundation expects proposals to be written to the greatest extent possible without academic jargon. Proposals should be written for the layperson, informed but not necessarily familiar with terms of art used only within academic fields and sub-fields.

ONLINE APPLICATION

The application materials to be uploaded online are as follows:

- One paragraph abstract.
- 6-page proposal, double-spaced in 12-point typeface, stating the research problem, the project goals, and the methods to be used.
- 1-page bibliography listing key sources of direct relevance to the dissertation work.
- A 2-page personal resume.
- Required letter from Faculty Advisor

REQUIRED LETTER FROM FACULTY ADVISOR

To be considered for a Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship grant, you must have a letter from a faculty advisor attesting to your progress toward the doctorate and commenting on the value of the project and approach. **The faculty advisor must submit their letter directly to the Foundation by emailing info@haynesfoundation.org by the application deadline.**

HOW TO APPLY

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

ARCHIVAL GRANT GUIDELINES

AWARD USE

Archival projects will receive only partial funding from the Haynes Foundation. Preference will be given to applicants who can secure “matching funds” from other sources. Archival grants are made once a year.

ONLINE APPLICATION

The application materials to be uploaded online are as follows:

- 3–4-page proposal, double-spaced in 12-point typeface, a one-page budget, and brief appendices, if necessary.
- A short paragraph about the project director and a paragraph for each additional key project staff.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

APPLICATION REFERENCE GUIDE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN APPLYING FOR A HAYNES FOUNDATION GRANT.

Please click the button below to complete the appropriate application. Once you have registered by creating a new account for your organization, you will need to click on Apply (upper left area of the Dashboard screen), then enter the appropriate code listed below to complete your application and upload your documents.

To apply for a Faculty Fellowship, enter the application access code: **faculty**

To apply for a Ph.D. Fellowship, enter the application access code: **doctoral**

To apply for an Archival Grant, enter the application access code: **archival**

To submit a Governance and Democracy LOI, enter the online access code: **democracy**

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